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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT: MBFR: DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING IN  
PHASE I

REF: STATE 246824

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, DCM SPIERS CALLED OCTOBER 17  
ON ROY HATTERQLEY, MINISTER OF STATE IN FCO, TO DISCUSS  
SUGGESTED U.S. COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THE DEFINITION OF  
THE COMMON CEILING IN PHASE I AND TO LEAVE TALKING PAPER  
ON SUBJECT DRAWN FROM ARGUMENTS PARA 3 REFTEL.  
HATTERSLEY SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD SUBSTANCE OF U.S.  
PROPOSAL, BUT, BECAUSE OF COMPLICATED NATURE OF ISSUE,  
WANTED TO THILK ABOUT IT OVER THE WEEKEND. IN  
REFERRING TO HIS WELL KNOWN INNATE CAUTION ABOUT MBFR,  
HATTERSLEY OBQERVED THAT INTENT OF NEW U.S. LANGUAGE,  
WHILE FORTHCOMING, DID NOT MASK IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN "MUST" AND "SHOULD". "MUST", COMMENTED

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HATTERSLEY, MEANS "WILL" AND "SHOULD" USUALLY MEANS

"MIGHT, BUT PROBABLY WON'T".

2. TERENCE WMOD, WORKING LEVEL OFFICER IN FCO FOR MBFR, ADDED THAT PRINCIPAL BRITISH CONCERN WAS THAT ALLIES NMT GIVE UP TASK OF PRESSURING THE OTHER SIDE FOR DATA, ALTHOUGH ALLIANCE MIGHT NOT GET DATA ANY TIME ROON, UK BELIEVED THERE WAS NO REASON NOT TO KEEP TRYING. SPIERS RESPONDED THAT, AS TALKING PAPER CLEARLY POINTED OUT, U.S. FULLY SHARED VIEW THAT ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK ACTIVELY A BROAD EXCHANGE OF DATA AND AN ULDERSTANDING ON DATA IN VIENNA.

3. HATTERSLEY ENDED BRIEF CONVERSATION BY PROMISING HMG DECISION MN THIS MATTER BY MONDAY AFTERNOON AT WHICH POINT, HE SAID, FCO WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

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